

On top of the other testimony on this topic-I would just add that it is more than curious that the metric that Dr. Fauci, Dr. Birx and the CDC uses is positivity rates-ie positive cases as a percentage of tests done-Montgomery County has had a declining percent in the positivity rate for at least 2 weeks-it stands at 2.3% at last sight on the MoCo Dashboard. But now, suddenly, Dr. Gayles pivots to total number of positive cases in his rationale for trying to shut down private and parochial schools. Fascinating....he wants FIVE cases/day??? He refused to look at any individual plans proposed by those schools or send his staff to personally evaluate and inspect them. Dont you think it is reasonable to be suspicious of his motivations given the openng of restaurants, day care centers, tattoo parlors, nail salons...I mean really. Councilman Friedson sent a thorough and reasonable email to Dr. Gayles and I look forward to his open and public response to the issues raised in that email. An MD PhD as Dr. Gayles is should be provide to provide more detailed responses to those questions than "science and data" and "keeping people safe". Thanks.